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SETTING UP OF KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and norms fixed by the Government to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country; and

(b) the KVKs set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise particularly in the State of Rajasthan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The criteria and norms fixed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country include its location as far as possible in the central part of a rural district; availability of land and municipal facilities, viability of the organization and technological backstopping for implementing the activities of a KVK.

(b) During the IXth Five Year Plan, ICAR has strengthened the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take up the additional functions of KVK in 53 districts.This includes Sriganganagar district, besides 31 KVKs established earlier in Rajasthan. In addition, 15 new KVKs were sanctioned during the period. The State-wise details are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

State-Wise Distribution of ZARSs Strengthened and New KVKs Sanctioned During IXth Plan

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	No. of Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) Strengthened	No. of New KVKs Sanctioned
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	1
2	Assam	6	
3	Bihar	2	
4	Chhattisgarh	1	
5	Gujarat	3	
6	Haryana	3	
7	Himachal Pradesh	3	1
8	Jammu and Kashmir	1	
9	Karnataka	8	
10	Kerala	2	
11	Madhya Pradesh	4	3
12	Maharashtra	4	3
13	Orissa	2	
14	Punjab	1	
15	Rajasthan	1	
16	Tamil Nadu	3	1
17	Uttar Pradesh	7	3
18	Uttaranchal	1	
19	West Bengal	1	
	Total	53	15